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PROMOTION OF BAMBOO INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether to promote the traditional bamboo industry, the Union Government propose to launch a Mission-Mode Programme during the Tenth Five Year Plan to generate employment in rural areas;

(b) if so, the main features of this programme;

(c) whether it will help in promoting value added products from bamboo; and

(d) if so, the estimated value added business from bamboo per annum?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) to (d): A National Mission on Bamboo Applications (NMBA) is proposed to be launched in the current year by the Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC). The Mission is intended to focus on the development and promotion of value-added applications, technologies and markets, utilising the country`s considerable resources of bamboo. The Mission aims to catalyse and generate economic activity in this sector, and facilitate employment & income generation, in particular in rural areas. Preliminary assessments indicate that incremental value addition of several hundreds of crores is capable of being realised through such an intervention.